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SUBJECT: GSL INTEREST IN BUYING JET AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: A) COLOMBO 2770; B) STATE 219869

1. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ENCOURAGE GSL TO EXPECT EXIMBANK FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF USED DC-8. FYI EXIM CONSIDERS AIR CEYLON AND SRI LANKA POOR CREDIT RISKS END FYI.

2. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES USED DC-8-63 AIRCRAFT NOT NOW READILY AVAILABLE U.S. ALTHOUGH SITUATION MAY CHANGE. BELIEVE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE ALERT U.S. OPERATORS THIS TYPE AIRCRAFT TO GSL INTEREST THROUGH TRADE ASSOCIATIONS OF U.S. SCHEDULED, SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS. TO DO SO, NEED MORE INFORMATION, SPECIFICALLY DELIVERY DATE DESIRED, WHETHER CONVERTIBLE MODEL (DC-8-63CF) OR OTHER DC-8 SERIES AIRCRAFT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY (ASSUME GSL SEEKING PASSENGER, NOT CARGO AIRCRAFT), AND NAME OF AIR CEYLON OFFICIAL WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED.

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3. REAL INC. NOT KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON.

4. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THIS REQUEST IS ALTERNATE OR ADDI-
TIONAL TO DC-8 SOLD TO UTA FOR LEASE TO AIR CEYLON PER
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